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TAGS: CASC, CPAS: (CHOHAN, KARMINDER AND GURNAMINDER)

SUBJECT: CHILD CUSTODY CASE

REF: DEPARTMENT'S OM DATED APRIL 11, 1977 AND NEW DELHI'S
OM DATED MARCH 24

1. INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF
SENATOR ROBERT W. PACKWOOD THAT MRS. SHARON KELLY CHOCHAN
WILL TRAVEL TO NEW DELHI THIS WEEKEND WITH THE INTENTION
OF REGAINING PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF HER CHILDREN AND RETURNING
THEM TO THE UNITED STATES. MRS. CHOCHAN MAY VISIT THE
CONSULATE ON APRIL 21 OR 24.

2. PLEASE RENDER ASSISTANCE TO MRS. CHOCHAN WITHIN THE
REALM OF 8 FAM 241.4 (INTERPRETATIONS). MRS. CHOHAS
HAS BEEN ADVISED TO TAKE PHOTOS, BIRTH CERTIFICATES, AND
HER OWN IDENTIFICATION. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SHE HAVE THE
CHILDREN WITH HER WHEN SHE APPLIES FOR PASSPORTS.

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3. PASSPORTS MAY BE ISSUED PROVIDED THAT A COURT ORDER
ISSUED IN INDIA, AWARDING CUSTODY TO THE FATHER, HAS NOT
BEEN PRESENTED TO CONSULAR OFFICER. MRS. CHOCHAN SHOULD
ALSO BE ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH SHE HAS DOCUMENTATION FOR
THE CHILDREN, SHE MAY STILL BE DETAINED BY THE AUTHORITIES
IN INDIA AND NOT PERMITTED TO DEPART WITH CHILDREN.

ON SUCH AN OCCURRENCE THE CONSULAR OFFICER IS LIMITED IN
RENDERING ASSISTANCE. PLEASE KEEP DEPARTMENT (ATTN:
PPT/LS) ADVISED OF ACTION TAKEN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ASSISTANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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